Film Sector

In so far as Film sector is concerned, Annexure-III of the Manual of Policy and Procedure governing Industrial Approvals (Item 35-covering Film sector) stipulates that automatic approval for 51% foreign equity participation in the Film sector is allowd by RBI. Beyond this, the investment is approved by the FIPB.

The policy regarding the quantum of foreign investment which should be allowed in the Film Sector is presently being considered by the Government.

Advertising

Government is presently considering to lay down norms prescribing extent of foreign equity permissible in Advertising sector.

Integrated Rural Energy programme in Gujarat

2126. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Total number of blocks which have been covered under Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) in Gujarat as on date with district-wise details thereof;

(b) whether more blocks are to be covered under IREP in the State during 1998-99; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) 19 Blocks have been covered under Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) in Gujarat so far. List of blocks covered under IREP in Gujarat is given in the Statement (*see* below).

(b) and (c) The State Govt. of Gujarat do not propose to cover more blocks during 1998-99 under IREP.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of Blocks	District
1.	Vansda	Valsad
2.	Sankheda	Vadodara
3.	Sihor	Bhavnagar
4.	Dhanera	Banaskantha
5.	Halwad	Surendranagar
6.	Abdasa	Kutchchh
7.	Lodhika	Rajkot
8.	Jhalod	Panchmahal
9.	Balasinor	Kheda
10.	Bhiloda	Sabarkantha
11.	Mangrol	Junagadh
12.	Dhari	Amreli
13.	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar
14.	Hansot	Bharuch
15.	Dhandhuka	Ahmedabad
16.	Sami	Mehsana
17.	Abwa	Ahwa-Dangs
18.	Kalyanpur	Jamnagar
19.	Songadh	Surat

Small Hydro Programme of IREDA

2127. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the small hydro power programmes of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 to be undertaken alongwith the details of projects, their sites and allocation likely to be made; and

(b) whether steps have been taken to effect economy in IREDA to reduce the non-paln expenditure to make hydro power cheap alongwith the economy in staff; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) is providing term loan assistance for setting up of small hydro power projects allotted by the State Governments to various developers. During 1997-98, IREDA has sanctioned loans